

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006.

Applicants have amended the claims to combine claims 1 and 2; 1 and 3; 6 and 7 and 6 and 8. These amendments are in response to the Examiner's objection to claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10 as objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Since the allowable subject matter has now been incorporated into amended claims 1 and 6, those claims should now be allowable. Similarly, claims 4 and 9 depend upon amended claims 1 and 6, respectively, and should now be allowable. Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 7.

Applicants believe that these amendments should place the application in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues to resolve, the Examiner may contact Applicants' representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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